paras of *puncha* lands in the Changanacherri taluk would also be benefited if the canal be opened. It would also be useful for bringing leaf manure &c. and for taking things to the market at Changanacherri.

Dewan's reply.—Action will now be taken to start the work.

70. The need for the construction of a road from Thiruvalla to Mepral.

The Very Revd. Iype Thoma Kathanar (Member, Thiruvalla taluk) requested that a road should be constructed from Thiruvalla to Mepral, over a distance of 4 miles. The people of Mepral had constantly to go to Thiruvalla and the market there. About 500 school-boys and some girls had also to cross the Peringara river at much risk and go daily to the schools in Thiruvalla. A road over the short distance of 4 miles was therefore very necessary.

Dewan's reply.—An estimate for the road will be called for.

71. The necessity for constructing a road from the Puramittom market in Kallupara, to join the Manimala road.

Mr. Ramavarmar Kothavarmar Koviladhikarikal (Member, Thiruvalla taluk) represented that there were no roads from the Puramittom market to Ezhumattur and the neighbouring *pakuthies*, and that much difficulty was experienced by the public. The Member requested that the road leading from the Thiruvalla Taluk Cutcherry to the Puramittom market should be extended, to join the Manimala road *via* Vennikulam, Ezhumattur, Perumpatty and other *pakuthies*. The proposed extension would be about 10 miles in length.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

72. The necessity for constructing foot-bridges over the Commercial and the Vadai Canals.

Mr. M. Chinnappa Pillai (Member, T. I. C., Alleppey) said that the distance from the entrance of the Commercial Canal at Chungam to the Stone Bridge was 1,940 feet and that a bridge at the entrance connecting the roads on the northern and southern banks was absolutely necessary. The length of the Commercial Canal from Chungam to the Triple Bridge was 9,640 feet. There were only six bridges within that distance. The interspace between those bridges was too long. It was therefore necessary to span the canal with many more bridges for the convenience of the public. The Member suggested that one foot-bridge between Chungam and the Stone Bridge, one between the Stone Bridge and the Iron Bridge, two between the Iron Bridge and the Kothuval Bridge, and one between the Kothuval Bridge and the Kunnen Warkey Bridge, might be constructed.

The Member next said that the Vadai Canal was also as long as the Commercial Canal and that there were at present only two bridges on the Canal. The distance between them was 4,811 feet. The two bridges were quite inadequate to meet the present requirements of the public. The fact that a Government ferry boat was now plying between its banks midway between the bridges was ample proof of the need for more bridges. He therefore requested that foot-bridges might be constructed at the places where the several roads from the Commercial Canal met the Vadai Canal and that one foot-bridge at the entrance of the Canal and two where it joined the West Junction Canal be also provided.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

73. The need for the construction of a Satrom at Warkala.

Mr. V. Kesavan Mallan (Member, Nominated) said that the absence of a Sirkar satrom at Warkala was being keenly felt by the numerous Brahmin devotees that went

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